

End-of-Course Assessments

To: School Test Coordinators

From: Michele Walker, Director of School Assessment

Date: November 20, 2006

Re: STC Confirmation for Core 40 End-of-Course Assessment Online Testing Program –

Administration 1 (A1), Winter 2007

Welcome to the Core 40 End-of-Course Assessment Online Testing Program. Your Corporation Test Coordinator has designated you as the School Test Coordinator. As the School Test Coordinator, you will play an integral part in the success of this program by coordinating testing activities at the school level.

Below is the Testing Calendar for 2006-2007:

Administration	Registration Deadline	Testing Available
1: December 12 – 22, 2006 and will continue January 3 – 12, 2007	December 8, 2006	Online: Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, and English 11
2 : February 5 – 23, 2007	February 2, 2007	Online: Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, and English 11
3 : April 30 – May 25, 2007	Paper-and-Pencil: February 28, 2007	Paper-and-Pencil: Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, and English 11 US History (pilot only)
	Online: April 16, 2007	Online: Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, and English 11

Responsibilities of the School Test Coordinator for the A1 Winter Administration:

- Verify that all Teachers and/or Test Examiners who will be conducting the Winter Administration are registered on the site.
- Run the TEST SCOUT program. (Information will be provided in a separate email.)
 Communicate the Web address and login information to all Teachers/Test Examiners who are part of the Winter Administration. (School Test Coordinators should not allow Examiners to use the STC login/password at any time.)

- Invalidate student scores when necessary.
- Review the Exception Report.
- Indicate when your school has completed the testing process.

Information on how to perform the above tasks will be covered during the Interactive Web Training sessions, or you can access the Test Coordinator's Manual from the online **Help** menu for step-by-step instructions.

Interactive Web Training Sessions

Interactive web training sessions are scheduled to familiarize Corporation Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators, Teachers and/or Test Examiners with the online Core 40 End-of-Course Assessments.

Web Training Calendar for the Winter 2007 Administration (Indianapolis time):

Training Session	Date	Time	Focus of Training
#1	Tuesday, November 28	8:30 - 9:30 am	CTC Registration
#2	Thursday, November 30	2:30 – 3:30 pm	CTC/STC Registration
#3	Monday, December 4	8:30 - 9:15 am	CTC/STC Refresher
#4	Wednesday, December 6	3:00 – 3:45 pm	Teacher and/or Examiner

Web Training Registration for the Winter 2007 Administration

Corporation Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators, Teachers and/or Test Examiners who need a refresher or who have not participated in online testing in the past should register. To register staff members (and yourself!) for a Web Training Session, please **e-mail** the following for each participant to Core40Support@achievementdata.com.

- 1. Participant's name
- 2. School name
- 3. E-mail address
- 4. Telephone number
- 5. Date of requested web cast

Specific information regarding the web training site and login information will be sent prior to the training to registered participants.

Accessing the Testing Site

To access the testing site for registration, please make sure that your system meets these requirements:

- Computers may be Windows or Macintosh.
- Computers must have Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher, Netscape Version 7.0 or higher, Mozilla or Firefox 1.0 or Macintosh Safari.
- Computers must have session cookies enabled.

Below is the NEW Web address, username, and password you will need to access the Core 40 End-of-Course Assessment testing site for this administration.

- Web Address: http://INcore40eca.achievementdata.com/admin
- Username:
- Password:

If the link above is not active, follow these directions to access the testing site:

- 1. Open your Internet browser; click once in the **Address** field of the browser window.
- 2. Type the NEW Web address: http://INcore40eca.achievementdata.com/admin.
- 3. Press Enter on your keyboard to advance to the administrative login page.
- 4. Type your username in the **Username** field.
- 5. Type your password in the **Password** field.
- 6. Click once on Login.

<u>Help</u>

If you would like to obtain step-by-step information explaining how to use the site before or after the Web Training, information can be obtained from the online **Help** menu. Three different help options are available:

- Test Coordinator Manual (Online and PDF formats)
- Testing FAQ (PDF Format)
- E-mail Support

Test Coordinator Manual

When the Test Coordinator's Manual is selected from the **Help** menu, a new browser window will open containing the selected manual. Options include viewing the content of the manual, viewing the index of the manual, or searching for a keyword or phrase.

Option	Functionality
Content	When Content is selected, a list of the topics from the user manual is displayed with a book icon next to the name of the topic area. Click once on the book icon and the content for that specific topic area will be displayed below the topic name. Click once on either the topic area or the specific content to display the documentation on the right side of the window.
Index	Index allows the administrator to search for topic and content based on a keyword/phrase. Type a word or browse the index to find the information. Click once on the keyword in the index to view each area of the online documentation that contains the keyword/phrase. Click once on the area to display the documentation on the right-hand side of the window.
Search	Search allows the user to search for keywords/phrases. Type the keyword or phrase in the Search field and press Enter on the keyboard to retrieve the information.

The left side of the window will show the contents of this manual by section. Click once on the different areas to expand the section and display the content of those areas. Click once on the area of the manual needed to display the information on the right side of the page.

PDF Manuals (Test Coordinator Testing FAQ)

If you select either of these menu selections, a new window will open and display the manual in Adobe Reader. You will be able to print this document by selecting the **File** menu option in the upper-right corner and then selecting **Print**.

E-mail Support

When this menu option is selected, an outgoing e-mail window will be displayed with the Core 40 Technical Support e-mail address in the "To:" field. You will be able to send questions and comments to the Technical Support Desk.

Additional Information

Core 40 End-of-Course Assessment Related Questions and General Information:

IDOE's ECA Help Desk Phone (317) 232-9050 Email: eca@doe.state.in.us

ECA Online Technology or Paper/Pencil Testing Related Questions:

Phone: 1-800-IC40-ECA (1-877-424-0322)

Email: <u>Core40Support@achievementdata.com</u>

Indiana Core 40 End-of-Course Assessment Web site:

www.doe.state.in.us/core40eca